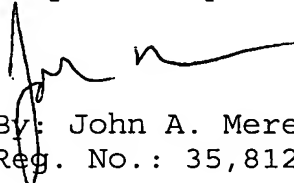


Remarks

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


By: John A. Merecki
Reg. No.: 35,812

Date: 1/24/06

Hoffman, Warnick & D'Alessandro LLC
75 State Street, 14th Floor
Albany, New York 12207
518-449-0044
jmerecki@hwdpatents.com